

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
Chair
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
Development, and Related Agencies
2362-B Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Michael K. Simpson
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
Development, and Related Agencies
1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Kaptur and Ranking Member Simpson,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2022 Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider providing \$500,000 for the Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study proposed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), with the USACE Buffalo District located at 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would help coordinate a long-term strategy across the Great Lakes states to more efficiently and effectively manage and protect the Great Lakes coastline.

Under the proposed USACE Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study, Army Corps would be well-situated to partner with local authorities across the eight impacted states, as well as other federal agencies, to address the very real threats facing the over 5,200 miles of shared Great Lakes coastline. This study is especially critical in the district I represent in Central New York, which has faced historic flooding along Lake Ontario's southern shore in recent years, resulting in millions of dollars in damage to residences, businesses, and shoreline infrastructure. Information and resiliency measures proposed under this study would provide Central New York shoreline communities with the guidance and resources necessary to mitigate flooding and ensure long-term resiliency along Lake Ontario.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Furthermore, I am not aware of any other Member of Congress submitting a request for this purpose.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Katko", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Katko
Member of Congress